

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 512

By Roberts

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate John Carl "Johnny" Jones on the celebration of his eightieth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, John Carl "Johnny" Jones will celebrate his eightieth birthday on April 23, 2021, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, born on April 23, 1941, Johnny Jones is the oldest son of the late Stanley and Margaret Jones; a lifelong resident of the "Twin Cities" of Fulton, Kentucky, and South Fulton, Tennessee, he completed primary school at Terry Norman and graduated from Fulton High School, where he was an astounding football player; and

WHEREAS, on July 28, 1962, Mr. Jones joined in holy matrimony with Judith "Judy" Moore while they were enrolled at Murray State University; in 1965, Johnny Jones graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology, and Judy Moore graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics and English Literature. The couple returned to South Fulton to establish a home; and

WHEREAS, following his graduation, Johnny Jones went to work at his father's company, Jones Plumbing and Heating, and the company was incorporated that year, becoming Stanley Jones Mechanical Contractor, Inc. (SJMC); Johnny Jones went on to found Central Metal Products (CMP), and upon his father's retirement in 1971, he assumed presidency of both SJMC and CMP; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Jones's leadership, both businesses continued to grow; SJMC was rebranded as Stanley Jones Corporation (SJC) to better reflect its diversification, and it continued to garner industry recognition; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Johnny Jones became one of the founding members of the Middle Tennessee Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors, and in 1981, he was elected president of the chapter; in 1987, he served as national president of Associated Builders and Contractors, sworn in by Governor Ned Ray McWherter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones was especially interested in education; he served twenty-four years on the Obion County Board of Education, chairing the building committee, the finance committee, and the board; in 1982, he was appointed by Governor Lamar Alexander to the State Board of Education. During his tenure, he was instrumental in obtaining, designing, and bringing to completion a modern high school building and elementary school in South Fulton; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Johnny Jones was chosen in 1983 and 1985 for the Citizen of the Year award by the Fulton-South Fulton Chamber of Commerce; he was also honored with the Community Development Award by the City of South Fulton in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones is a lifelong member of First United Methodist Church in Fulton, Kentucky, where he has been involved with numerous committees, including the Board of Directors and the Building and Grounds committee, which he served as chairman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones and his wife, Judy, have four children, Kym Jones (William) Kane, Johnny (Michaela) Jones, Jr., Christy Jones (Tim) McCord, and Millie Jones (Scott) Stubblefield, and they are affectionately known as Gang Gang and Mimi to their eleven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, as Johnny Jones enters his ninth decade, he has been an active and productive member of the Twin Cities community, admired for his wisdom, guidance, and generosity; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate John Carl "Johnny" Jones on the celebration of his eightieth birthday and extend to him our best wishes for many happy returns of the day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.